



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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Tū mai Te Ahūmairangi, tū mai hoki tātou
As Te Ahūmairangi stands, we also reach for great heights

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Scenes from the recent Western Zone Athletics Sports at Newtown Park. 22 Northland School students qualified for the Wellington Finals.

The Principal Point

We are now in the final five weeks of the 2018 school year but, like everyone else, there is still plenty to do before we even think about holidays. Our teaching staff are currently completing end of year summary reports of student progress. Student reports go through an extensive checking and moderation process before they go “live” through our parent portal on Thursday 13 December. Staff have also begun the process of thinking about class placements for 2019 now that we have confirmed our staffing arrangements. As of next week there will also be lots of end of year admin to complete and student portfolios to supervise – our staff are always very busy and these last few weeks of the fourth term are certainly packed full of “to do” lists.

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We have even started planning for the beginning of 2019 including a whole school picnic to be held on Thursday 7 February at the Wainuiomata Pool!

Each year we hold a special evening at the Northland Community Centre for our Year 8 students as they leave us and head off to college. This is always an amazing evening as parents and teachers celebrate and acknowledge our “graduates”. This evening is put together by a group of hardworking parents of Year 7 students who meet regularly to plan the catering, consider options for decorating and attend to the multitude of things necessary to ensure that everything is all right on the night – and then they have to clear it all away at midnight! We thank all those parents involved in this significant event in our school calendar. The following year these parents then get to sit back and enjoy this evening as parents of Year 8 Leavers knowing that 2019’s Year 7 parents will have things well in-hand.

At its November meeting the Board of Trustees considers the draft operating budget for the next year. With a building project set to commence towards the end of the first term the Board is mindful of the need to provide additional times to have students off-site. The 2019 budget reflects this with less spent on resources and more on opportunities. The school is in a strong financial position thanks to our parent donations, EOTC payments and careful expenditure. Over the last few years the Board has built up its reserves to specifically support our students on what will be a more constrained site.

The building project will require the replacement and re-positioning of the junior playground at the school’s expense – the Ministry of Education does not provide school playgrounds. This will be factored into the school’s capital budget to be discussed by the Board in December. The school also has a sizeable fund set aside for the redevelopment of the main playground once the building project is complete. This money was raised by a committed parent group several years ago but is being kept separate specifically for this major redevelopment in two years time.

It is a busy time for all.

Jeremy Edwards - Principal

School News

Western Zone Athletics

Rain, wind, sun and hail! All the seasons in one day for the Western Zone Athletics that was held at Newtown Stadium on Monday 19 November. All our athletes can be very proud of their efforts. It was wonderful to see so many parents cheering on their children.

A huge thank you to: Andreas and Leanne Cherry who managed the students making sure they arrived at their events on time; Katie McGrath who took incredible photos that are now posted on the sports noticeboard; and Tony Dawbin who assisted with the high jump.

Congratulations to our students who qualified for the Wellington Inter Zone Athletics Championship to be held on Tuesday 27 November:

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Angela Scholten – Lead Teacher PE and Sport

Library Books - End of Year Returns

All issued library books are due on Monday, 26 November. Due to our building project, we are starting to prepare for our move to our temporary home. Please drop off all books to the library so we can complete our final inventory and pack them all up.

Our school library will be offering a Summer Holiday Reading Programme for Years 0-4 (Teams 1 and 2). The children are welcome to borrow six books to be returned in the first week of Term 1, 2019. Be inspired to read over the school holidays! Please return all your outstanding library books to be able to choose your summer reading books in Week 9 (10-11 December).

Lizzie Ryan and Rachelle Samaniego

Year 8 Leavers Dinner Fundraising – Ice Blocks for Sale

To assist with the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner fundraising, we will be selling ice blocks after school on FINE Thursdays and Fridays. \$2 each - located near the top school gate.

For Northland School Fundraising of Activities - All profit goes to the School

For sale or auction

- Armistice Day 50c Coin and ANZAC Day 50c Coin Packs (10 only at the moment) for auction
- ANZAC Day 50c Coin Packs for sale
- Packs may include an Armistice Day Stamp \$1.20 and Envelope (optional extra cost).

Great gift for kids, grandparents, collectors or for the Xmas Stocking (sadly not for Xmas Puddings)!

Please email jotony13@gmail.com for more information or to place a bid or buy an item.

Basketball Backboard at the Tennis Courts

A movable basketball backboard system has mysteriously appeared on the school tennis courts adjacent to Harbour View Road. If you know who owns this or how it got there, please contact the school office.

Quality of the Week – Tact

Tact is telling the truth kindly, with consideration for how your words will affect others. It is knowing what to say and what is better left unsaid. Tact is thinking before you speak. When you are tactful, you don't tease or point out people's differences to embarrass them. You are as careful about others' feelings as you would like them to be of yours.

Diary Dates for 2018

Term 4

22 November, Thursday	Student Council Ice Cream Day Kilbirnie Rec Centre, Team 2 Wellington College Induction Day, Year 8 boys
26 November, Monday	Swimming commences, Year 1
27 November, Tuesday	Wellington athletics championships
6 December, Thursday	Team 1 Assembly Pizza Thursday
7 December, Friday	Student Council Fun Day
8 December, Saturday	Community Carols, 5pm, Community Centre
11 December, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm, library
13 December, Thursday	Reports go live, midday
14 December, Friday	Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
17 December, Monday	Parent Thank You Morning Tea, 10.30am Team 4 Sports Day
18 December, Tuesday	Team 4 to Thorndon Pool
Thursday 20 December	End of Year Community Assembly. 9.30am School closes, 2pm

Term Dates for 2018

Term 4: Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

Term Dates for 2019

Term 1: Monday 4 February– Friday 12 April
Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4: Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December

Community News

Community notices and flyers are included in this newsletter as a service to the school community. The inclusion of notices – and other material is at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The school staff and Board take no responsibility for the accuracy of information in community notices and flyers. Inclusion of these in the newsletter does not necessarily imply that school staff or the Board endorses any product, services or information advertised.

Missing Scooter Following the Scooter Skills Day On 15 November.

It was parked in the scooter rack with a helmet hanging on it but at the end of the day only the helmet was left on the ground. It was unnamed however, was fairly distinctive. Details as follows:

- Micro brand rocket scooter, has the logo “Micro” up the stem of the handle bars
- Metal scooter with black rubber handles and two wide black wheels
- Metallic green in colour with a black and silver tribal flame design on the deck (base)

Potentially another child has a similar scooter and has taken it by mistake. If so can it please be returned to school, thank you.

1918 Influenza - Karori Cemetery Commemoration Event

25 November, 11.00am – 4.00pm, Karori Cemetery, 76 Old Karori Road.

Most of those who died of influenza in Wellington were buried at the Karori Cemetery. Many of their graves have been cleaned, research has been done into the lives of more than 130 of those who died, and a commemoration programme has been developed to acknowledge the impact of the epidemic, and to restore our collective memory.

Guitar Lessons

Hello! My name is Aabir and I'm a guitar player with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I take guitar lessons in the Northland School library on Mondays from 4:15 to 6.00pm, Tuesdays from 4.00 to 6.00pm and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to start (or continue) learning to play an instrument. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch.

Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com Ph: [027 267 1634](tel:0272671634)

Piano and Singing Lessons

Hi everyone, my name is Michaela Cadwgan and I am teaching after school piano and singing lessons at Northland School. If you are interested in lessons you can contact me on my phone 021 147 0674, or via email at michaela.cadwgan@gmail.com.

Summer Holiday Programme – Northland Kidz Club

Every day, we're out-and-about exploring the Wellington area. We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and playing mini-golf, seeing kids theatre productions, going on tours, playing ten-pin bowls, not to mention “Mission Inflatable” “Time Cinema”, going to Somes / Matiu Island, doing a Circus Workshop and much more. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30am to 6.00pm each day. For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Christmas Collective Market - Wednesday 21 November 7-10pm at St Mary's Church Karori

Christmas Collective is back! We are bringing top Wellington designers and makers to Karori for one night of Christmas shopping. A raffle running all night to support 'The Key To Life' organisation. Delicious drinks and treats with all money raised going to Karori Bellyful. Get your friends together now and mark it on the calendar so you don't miss out.

Northland's THE PETITE GIFT FAIR Friday 30 November, 6-9pm

Our lovely little local gift fair is back again and better than ever! Come join your friends and local makers for a fun and social night of Christmas shopping. Maybe pick up a few locally made goodies for yourself! Saint Anne's Church Hall, Northland Village Friday 30 November 6-9pm. More info on Facebook and Instagram.

Babysitting Available

My name is Emma and I am a 21 year old medical student from Northland. I am available to babysit days and/or evenings during December. I love working with kids of any age!

I am certified in first aid and have my full drivers licence. Any queries please call: 0220866093

Responsible 15-Year-Old Girl Available For Summer Babysitting

Hi, my name is Maia and I'm an ex-Northland School student. I'm available to babysit children of any age over the school holidays. I have lots of experience looking after children aged from 1-10 with great feedback. I have a first aid certificate and bronze Duke of Edinburgh. I play a lot of sport so I'm really into getting everyone outside. And on rainy days it's fun to do baking, board games and arts and crafts. Would love to hear from you at 020 4396242 thanks, Maia Kirikiri.

Homework Projects

Collecting For Cats Protection League – Term 4 Homework Project

Hi, I'm in Room 10 and I'll be collecting things for donating to Cats Protection League. If you can bring in any donations that would be great. They need good quality cat food (wet and dry), fleece blankets, newspapers, and kitty litter. You can bring donations into Room 10 until Friday 30 November. Thank you!

Christmas Gifts at Northland School - Term 4 Homework Project

Come and buy your Christmas gifts early, free of rush. As part of our Term 4 homework project, we are holding a Christmas stall to raise money for local charities, including the SPCA and night shelters. We will be holding this on **6 December at 3pm** on the lower playground. There will be affordable, heartwarming baked goods and gifts for your friends and family. As part of the project, we invite you to donate your good condition toys or children's books that you don't need any more, and we will resell them on the day and donate the money so that less fortunate kids can have Christmas presents too... If you have any toys you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office from **Monday 26 November until Monday 3 December**. Any toys that are not sold on the day will be donated to charity.

Wellington Girls College Skirt

Skirt (old style) \$35 Good condition, size 8 (65cms), Please contact Rochelle 021 26 26 787

Guitar for Sale

For Sale - 3/4 Size Guitar (Valencia CG160). Very good condition, with soft case. \$80. Call Sara Clarke 029 4963761

Holiday Theatre Camp - Gryphon Theatre, Ghuznee Street

22 - 25 January, Tuesday to Friday "Foo Dog Island"

If you love pirates you'll love this rip-roaring adventure! Great roles for boys and girls!

ACTING 🌟 STAGECRAFT 🌟 COSTUMES 🌟 PERFORMING 🌟 FUN

Students audition, rehearse and perform a fully costumed play in 4 days. Every student gets a role with dialogue 🌟 Only 18 places available.

Internationally Experienced Director

Ages: 7 to 13 years

Hours: Open 8am-4pm; Programme operates 9am-3pm; Free performance 2pm Friday

Fees: \$285 (Includes script, rights, costumes, make-up and performance certificate)

Register: www.wyt.actingantics.com or contact admin@actingantics.com

School Lunches – Tuesdays

Sushi Lunches

Place your order for Tuesdays now via www.ezlunch.co.nz. It's the same team, sushi, varieties and prices, just a new website for orders. Order now for the rest of term.

sushilunchwellington@gmail.com 220810781 www.ezlunch.co.nz.

School Lunches – Fridays

Subway School Lunches

We provide lunch to your child's school on Fridays. We have changed the menu format, removing the need to select a size when ordering lunch. The size is now included with the meat/veggie selection. So, when ordering, first select the bread, then the meat/veggie and size, then the sauces. Finally, chicken has been added to the menu choice too.

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Before and After School Care Providers

Before School Care

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. Rebecca Amos is our supervisor and the programme operates from 7.30 until 8.30am. Attendance can be regular or on an as needs basis. The cost is \$7.00 per child before 8.00am and \$5.00 from 8.00am. No need to book – just turn up.

Kelly Club

After School Care is provided for the Northland School community at the Northland Memorial Hall. Kelly Club is an OSCAR approved service provider and our objective is to give children opportunities to do the things they enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We have a grassy outdoor area where the kids enjoy playing sports when the weather is nice. We offer full sessions (3.00-6.00pm) and also a half session option (3.00-4.30pm) and are happy to accept both permanent and casual bookings. Our prices are \$18 for a full session, \$11 for a half session and \$19 for a casual session. You can find out more information www.kellyclub.co.nz (Wellington area), email northland@kellyclub.co.nz or phone 022 010 9973.

Northland Kidz Club

After meeting the children at Northland School at 3pm, we're off to nearby parks or the school grounds for a good run-around (weather permitting). Then it's off to Kidz Club at St. Anne's Hall by the Northland Shops (corner of Northland and Randwick Roads) for more afternoon tea and relaxing fun. We're a not-for-profit community organisation (OSCAR approved and Child, Youth and Family accredited), aiming to provide family-style child care at a reasonable cost - \$16 for regulars (\$9 for the third child onwards), \$20 for casuals (\$11 for the third child onwards). We welcome children from all schools – come for a visit and see what we do. Contact Jan 022-140-2612 Lisa 022-680-3075 or e-mail us on

nkc.jan@gmail.com Check out our website: www.nkc.org.nz